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As the week began prices were higher on the larger sizes but were unchanged on mediums in all locations. By late week prices continued to rise for the larger sizes in New York. Elsewhere prices were unchanged but trending higher for next week. The market tone was firm on the larger sizes and steady to fully steady on smaller sizes. Demand was light to good. Supplies were closely balanced to tight on the heavier weights and mediums ranged adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were tight with a light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full time. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with a light to moderate demand, best into rendering operations. Schedules remain mixed. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs stay at 5-10.5 cents, mostly 8-10 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices continued higher with the remainder of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady to fully steady for mediums. Cartoned egg demand was light to good with loose egg trading mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance to tight on the heavier weights with light weights reported as adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	42-51	45-48
LARGE	41-50	43-46
MEDIUM	25-34	27-30

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however larger sizes were trending higher. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on mediums, close balanced to tight on heavier weight eggs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for barely adequate to sufficient offerings. Light type hen offerings were adequate to available for current processing schedules.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	51-70	55-56
LARGE	45-59	50-54
MEDIUM	33-46	38-40

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jul 21, 2006

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.50	46.00	38.00
SOUTHEAST	45.50	43.50	36.00
MIDWEST	39.50	37.50	28.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	51.50	43.50	35.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	46.73	42.62	34.49

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-25-06	07-18-06	07-26-05
Large	23-32	16-25	27-36
Medium	7-13	7-13	7-12

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JULY 24, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.9	12.0	4.0	8.6	9.4	40.9
	Change	-0.1	-0.9	-0.3	-1.4	-0.2	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.8	45.8	8.8	17.0	37.3	132.7
	Change	-1.5	-0.6	-2.4	-0.6	-2.7	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	44.8	156.6	59.8	64.4	90.6	416.2
	Change	2.1	5.7	-17.7	-6.7	-12.9	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	53.6	22.9	22.1	39.1	154.6
	Change	2.0	-0.6	0.7	4.1	5.1	8%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	8.1	1.2	4.7	4.6	23.6
	Change	-0.8	0.2	0.6	-1.6	-0.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.5	32.7	10.9	14.5	6.0	66.6
	Change	0.5	2.2	-0.8	-0.5	0.4	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.9	53.3	14.6	28.6	26.3	136.7
	Change	-2.0	1.2	-0.8	-3.7	-3.1	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	113.8	362.1	122.2	159.9	213.3	971.3
	Percent Change	0%	2%	-14%	-6%	-6%	-4%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	971.3	-4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.5	-2%	35

Total Shell Egg	1224.8	-3%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 22-JUL-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,322,852	32,357	12,031	6,256	3,209	4,656
PW	1,367,303	32,978	13,025	6,832	3,265	4,510
LY	1,324,350	30,516	13,230	7,109	2,695	4,480
% Chg PWK	-3%	-2%	-8%	-8%	-2%	3%
% Chg LY	0%	6%	-9%	-12%	19%	4%
2006	37,429,254	919,302	352,438	188,610	86,418	126,042
2005	37,686,359	886,835	374,721	200,908	85,289	128,235
% Chg YTD	-1%	4%	-6%	-6%	1%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.80	41.94	41.78
(Inedible Excluded)	38.28	38.64	38.40

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands;
may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs. % of Total	
CURRENT WEEK	595,973	45.1%	15,507	47.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	613,841	44.9%	16,189	49.1%
LAST YEAR	540,330	40.8%	13,551	44.4%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	JUL 15	JUL 22	JUL 15	JUL 22
	Thousand			
AL	32,033	32,037	20,659	21,700
AR	30,275	30,099	*24,378	22,883
DE	3,969	3,824	5,916	5,971
FL	1,344	1,364	1,487	1,390
GA	35,020	34,858	*28,322	28,387
KY	7,264	7,306	5,836	5,869
LA	3,954	3,954	3,578	3,916
MD	8,942	8,855	5,977	5,699
MS	17,916	17,720	15,776	15,166
NC	18,762	18,416	15,629	15,060
OK	*6,252	6,394	*4,527	5,481
PA	4,077	4,178	3,027	2,891
SC	5,455	5,385	*4,130	4,754
TX	14,816	14,611	12,800	11,069
VA	6,382	6,348	5,503	5,198
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,528	18,280	*16,578	15,789

19 State Total *213,989 213,629 *174,123 171,223

Previous Year Total 214,405 215,913 175,429 172,892

Pct. of Prev. Year 100 99 99 99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-Sep-06 is estimated at 159.0 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 163.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.38 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/20/06-07/26/06

CURRENT LDS 117.50 FUTURE LDS 79.00 TOTAL LDS 196.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	40.00	41.00	33.50	36.33	46.41	—	31.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.25	23.75	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	33.00	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	44.00	51.00	50.00	55.14	—	33.75
GL W LG	—	48.50	39.67	43.83	48.54	48.85	75.00
GL W MD	28.33	25.67	27.00	29.00	22.63	24.70	21.75
GL W SM	24.25	27.33	24.00	26.50	19.00	—	11.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	50.00	—	.25
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	46.00	—	.75
GL BR LG	—	—	39.75	—	46.40	44.75	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	48.00	—	—	39.43	28.09	19.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-JUL-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	27.5	28.6	-4	9
Boston	3.6	2.9	24	16
Chicago	61.5	62.3	-1	-8
Detroit	15.8	18.8	-16	-28
Kansas City	4.8	4.8	0	-13
Los Angeles	112.0	100.1	12	-3
New Orleans	6.2	5.8	7	3
New York	27.5	29.4	-6	-4
St. Louis	21.0	17.3	21	28
San Francisco	16.2	16.5	-2	-11
Total	296.1	286.5	3	-4
4 Week Moving Avg.	293.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 22-JUL-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,939	2,681	64	9	4,693
Avg Wt	16.12	37.13	24.38	38.59	28.28
Last week	1,931	2,903	16	1	4,851
Same wk yr ago	1,989	2,679	30	16	4,714
Avg Wt	15.82	36.43	21.51	23.19	27.59
To-date/2006	55,397	72,885	673	151	129,106
To-date/2005	49,103	73,882	682	105	123,772

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 22-JUL-06

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
North East	760	4	23.14	(A) 762 23.14
South Atlantic	715	-8	33.25	(A) 717 33.25
North Central	2,233	-3	31.66	(A) 2,235 31.66
South Central	662	-8	18.38	(A) 664 18.38
West	314	-3	25.97	(A) 315 25.97
U.S. total	4,684(B)	-3	28.28	9 4,693 28.28
To-date				
2006	128,955(B)		151	129,106
To-date				
2005	123,667(B)		105	123,772

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 64,000; for the current year to date 673,000; for last year to date 682,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 22-JUL-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,843	1,083	1,460	2,543	487
Avg Wt	5.29	3.33	8.09	6.06	6.43
Last week	160,498	1,180	1,554	2,734	475
Same wk yr ago	170,006	1,442	1,558	3,000	501
Avg Wt	5.15	3.35	8.00	5.76	6.61
To-date/2006	4,664,778	32,887	42,502	75,389	14,717
To-date/2005	4,641,616	44,579	40,270	84,849	14,382

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.8 million head, or .7 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Jul-06

	CW - 07/29/06(1)	PW - 07/22/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
Broiler/fryer	165,519(2)	163,850
Light hens	1,080	1,081
Heavy hens	1,507	1,501
Total	168,106	166,432

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Jul-06 is 164.0 million head compared to 170.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.9 million head or 1.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 05-Aug-06 the estimated available is 163.8 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
June 17	165.7	166.0	100%	5.31
24	169.0	164.5	103%	5.30
July 1	170.6	162.5	105%	5.24
8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
Year to date	4721.4	4589.1	103%	
July 29		164.0		
August 5		163.8		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 24-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	60.00-63.00	61.71	34 :	61.24	67
Los Angeles	77.00	75.58	62 :	73.96	119
New York	63.00-66.00	64.79	24 :	65.22	52

COMPOSITE WTD AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
24-JUL-2006	17-JUL-2006	17-JUL-2006	25-JUL-2005
67.93	.66	67.27	72.95
NUMBER OF LOADS	521		

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-77	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	74-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 07/24/06	3,160	112,205	62,362
AM 07/01/06	3,019	105,590	67,467
CHG	141	6615	-5105
PCT CHG	5%	6%	-8%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 24-JUL-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	2-9 CENTS/LB.		6.05
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-9.5 CENTS/LB.	5-7	6.14

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds) 21-JUL-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-10.5	8-10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

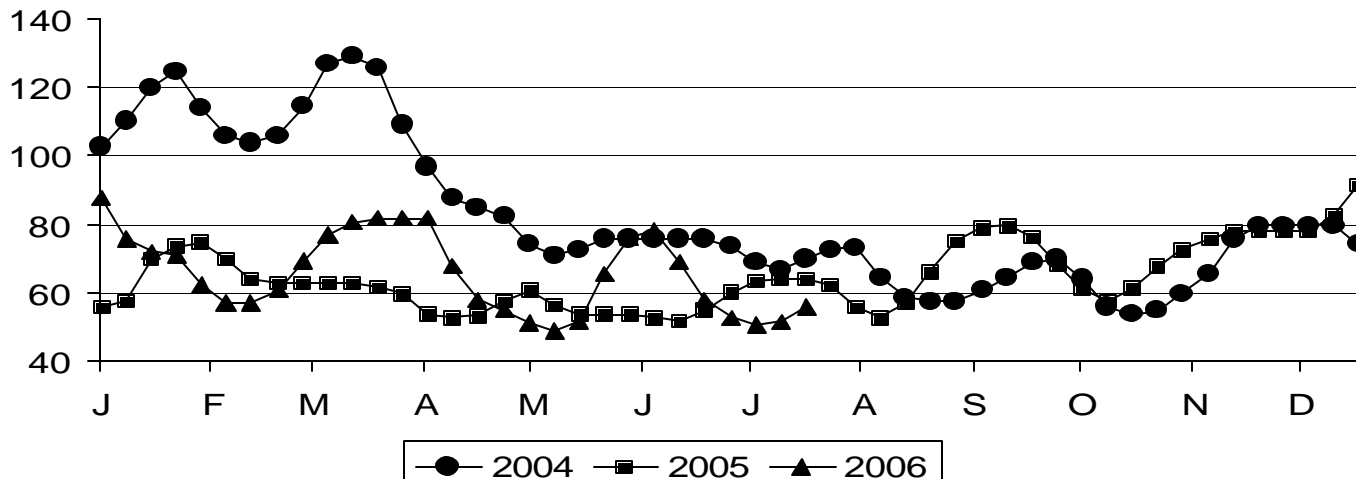
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 22-JUL-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	199.1	-2	-6
East North Central	649.9	2	21
West North Central	299.0	-1	10
South Atlantic	180.9	-3	-5
South Central	67.2	11	10
West	183.3	-4	-14
Total	1579.4	0	6
Matched Plants reporting		83	83

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

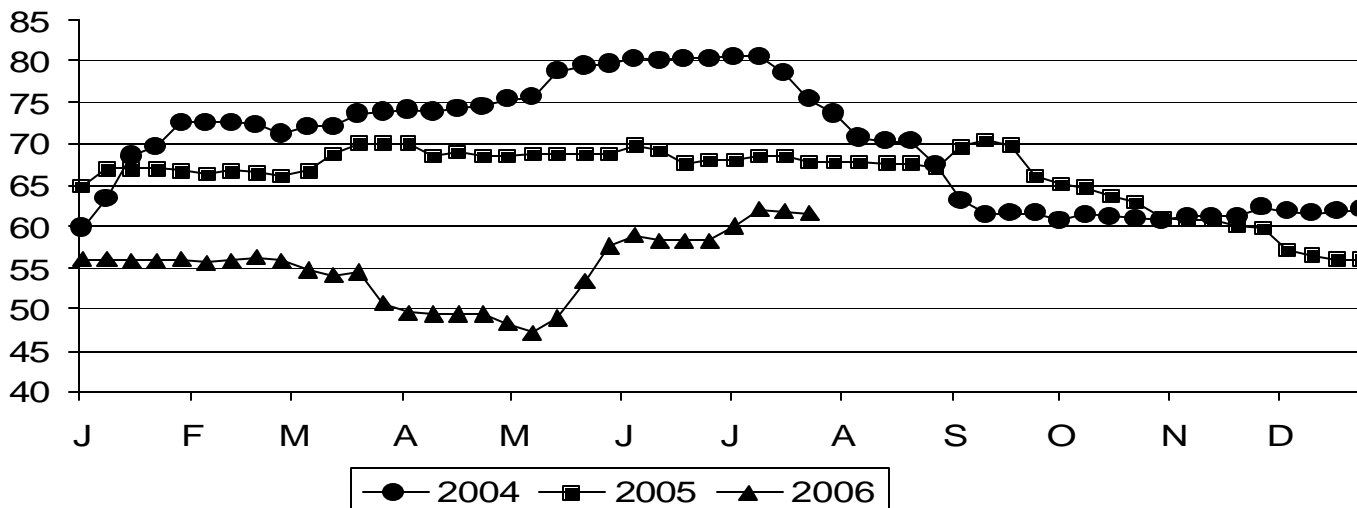
New York Large Weekly Average Price

cents per dozen



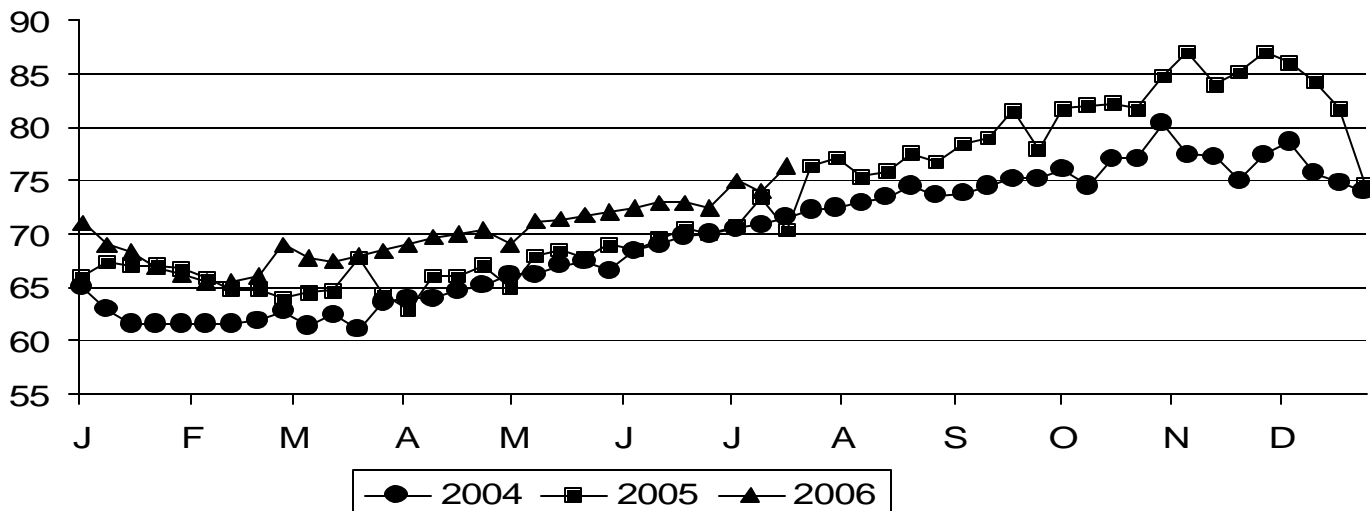
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

cents per pound



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey

cents per pound



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